

November 2023

Central Texas Riders

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Chapter Directors' Notes

Good evening CenTex Riders,

Got to get to work and finish off the Thanksgiving leftovers before we gather for dinner at the Chapter Christmas Party at Tim and Young's house on Friday evening! Don't be late or it will be too dark out to admire the new mini-golf course they built for their grandkids!

We are working on an overnight trip to San Antonio, 16-17 December. Ride down Saturday morning, visit the Alamo compound in the afternoon, and stroll and dine along the beautifully decorated River Walk in the evening. Enjoy a Sunday brunch, and return home Sunday afternoon.

The destination for our link-up with Chapter O (Austin) for the Polar Bear Ride and brunch on January 1st has changed to the Golden Corral Restaurant in Temple. Ride details will be emailed, and published on GroupWorks. Our previous destination, The Dead Fish Grill, is not going to be open on New Years Day.



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"Eagle Book", an online version of GWRRA's Gold Book, is up and available at EWMA-World.org. Please update your member profile if you wish to be included.

EWMA members can also get a discount with MTS (Motorcycle Towing Service). Annual plans start at \$30 /yr.

Please check our Rides/Events closely for changes and additions.

Next Chapter Meeting
January 23
Golden Corral

Ride Often/Ride Safe
Gene & Quinta

A Little Christmas Story

When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where. Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floor-boards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.



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Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor.. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom. Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree. Not a lot of people know this....



ANNIVERSARIES

7 Nov Erik & Lori W
23 Dec Jim & Alvalin W

BIRTHDAYS

21 Nov Dale G

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Killeen, TX 76542-3783



Tim & Young Brooks will be hosting the **Chapter T Christmas party** this year on **Friday December 1st at 6:00pm.**

Location: 312 Crestwood Dr.
Killeen, TX 76549
Gate code #5328

This is in the River Ridge Ranch gated community. Directions from Killeen: Go south on Hwy 195, cross the Lampasas River bridge, look for a right turn onto River Ridge Ranch Rd. Follow until the first left turn, it is the third house on the right.

There's plenty of parking on the right side of the house and in back.

We will be supplying the meat (smoked turkey and ham) and drinks (Bush's sweet and unsweet tea, diet coke and regular coke, water). If you need anything else please bring it.

We ask everyone to **bring a vegetable or dessert side dish.**



We will have our **traditional white elephant gift exchange**. If you wish to participate please bring a gift of \$25.00 or less.

Please RSVP to Tim (254-290-5462 voice or text) by November 15th with how many in your party, and what side dish you can bring.

Central Texas Riders Newsletter

Date: November 28, 2023...Reprinted from 11-15-07, with some changes

I have chosen to take some editorial liberty and deviate from rider education to a focus on the blessings provided through practicing motorcycle safety 365 days, each year.

Yes, wearing protective clothing (properly fitted helmet, with a face shield or proper eye protection, full finger gloves, sturdy over-the-ankle boots, jacket and pants with reflective tape) can provide rider and co-rider comfort and protection. But don't forget about the positive attitude, in preparation for the ride. Remember, there are three parts necessary to review prior to any ride...are you ready, is your bike ready, and is your gear ready. If the answer is yes to all three then mount-up and enjoy the day.



I digress from the original intent of this month's article; thankfulness. Focus on great achievements is always touted by the news media, but the failures prior to achieving those unheralded accomplishments is seldom seen in the national spotlight. Take for instance the lion-hearted quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, Brett Favre, who, on September 30th, 2007, threw his 421st touchdown pass, thus being recognized as the new record holder for most touchdown passes by an NFL quarterback. In surprising contrast, the very next week (October 8, 2007), Brett tied another record: the most interceptions thrown by an NFL quarterback – 277.

How about the great Babe Ruth, who was one of the greatest hitters in baseball history, owned two records simultaneously: the most home runs hit in a career as well as the most strike-outs in a career.

Abraham Lincoln had 42 consecutive political defeats before he was elected President of the United States.

Although life is sometimes viewed as a balance sheet that we will eventually present to someone, and as long as the number of touchdown passes exceed the number of our interceptions, then we're ok, right?

Consider this...

If we look at the spiritual aspect of life, there could be a variety of beliefs, based on your religious upbringing or indoctrination. These beliefs may be founded on Judeo-Christian values or a personal belief of one's choice.

The good news about the balance sheet is each of us has free will to follow "The Belief" or a belief that fosters our mental focus. The question to consider...is your living based on a "balance sheet" consisting of earthly achievements and fear of death or the living "balance sheet" in the redemptive power of the blood of a risen savior.

A record of one's name in the "Book of Life" acknowledging true faith is more important than any record of the contributions, financial gains, past wrongs, or the resume of one's life achievements.

Focus on your blessings in the learnings of 2023 and the character building that took place because of adversity, understanding the tomorrows (2024) are just a vision of hope.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above information. Lucy and I wish all the people reading this article a blessed holiday season.

Kindest personal regards,
R. Chester (Chet) Roby

Twass the night before Christmas, And not until Spring,
 Would an engine be running, not even a Wing.
 The bikes were all sleeping, They're covered and warm,
 Batteries are tended, nylon covers their form.

My Bros were all nestled snug in their beds,
 While visions of new chrome danced in their heads.

And I in my doo-rag, bike jacket and boots,
 Out shoveling snow, and dreaming of scoots.

Then from the horizon there came such a clatter,
 My shovel I dropped, what could be the matter?
 Away up the hill, I slogged through the snow,
 Looked up at the sky; where'd all that noise go?

A throb from the heavens like straight pipes so hearty,
 Gave Summers' good thoughts, a loud bikers' party.
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a Hog Ultra Classic, Red trailer in rear.

With a little old rider, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than Crotchies his Ultra came on.
 And he whistled, and shouted, and sang out this song:

"Now Harley! Now Big Dog! On Honda and Beamer!
 Now Vulcan! Now Injun! On Vict'ry and Trumpet!
 To the top of the porch! To the top of the Wall!
 Now RIDE away@ Ride away! RIDE away all!

As small bikes that from the semis do fly, When they meet
 the air blast, mount to the sky.

So up to the house-top that Ultra it flew,
 With a trailer of goodies, and ole' St. Nick too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,
 The rumble and thunder of pipes that gave proof.

I ran to the house, boots thumping around,
 And in came St. Nick all bearded and round.

Dressed all in black leather, from doo-rag to boot,
 His chaps were all tarnished with road grime and soot.

A T-bag of goodies he'd flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His shades - how they twinkled! His doo-rag how scary!
 With chains intertwined, through skulls that were cherry!

His droll little mouth had done many a row,
 So the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth.
 The smoke had a strange smell; It gave him relief!
 He had a broad face and a large fat beer belly,
 That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to my ride,
 And fixed it with Chrome, Horsepower and Pride!
 And giving the peace sign with bikers' good cheer,
 Took off for his Ultra rumbling near.

He sprang on the saddle, his gloves on the bars.
 A wheelie he threw then off towards the stars!
 I heard him exclaim, as my chest swelled with pride...
 Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good ride!

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



Central Texas Riders (Chapter T)

Rides/Events

<i>Chapter T Gathering</i>	<i>28 Nov 2023</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Killeen</i>
<i>Chapter T Holiday Party</i>	<i>1 Dec 2023</i>	<i>Tim & Young Brooks</i>
<i>Chapter T Ride - Alamo/River Walk</i>	<i>16 - 17 Dec 2023</i>	<i>San Antonio, TX</i>
<i>Chapters O & T Polar Bear Ride</i>	<i>1 Jan 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Temple</i>
<i>Chapter T Saturday Breakfast</i>	<i>13 Jan 2024</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee, HHeights</i>
<i>Chapter T Gathering</i>	<i>23 Jan 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Killeen</i>
<i>Chapter T Saturday Breakfast</i>	<i>10 Feb 2024</i>	<i>Black Rifle Coffee, HHeights</i>
<i>Chapter T Gathering</i>	<i>27 Feb 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Killeen</i>
<i>TX District Ride-In</i>	<i>20-23 Mar 2024</i>	<i>Y.O. Hotel, Kerrville</i>
<i>Chapter T Gathering</i>	<i>26 Mar 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Killeen</i>
<i>Chapter T Gathering</i>	<i>23 Apr 2024</i>	<i>Golden Corral, Killeen</i>

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



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Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association References and Links

EWMA National Website: <https://www.EWMA-World.org>

EWMA National Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/eagle.wings.motorcycle.association>

Region B Website:

Region B Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/648709793287460>

Texas District Website: <https://www.gwrra-tx.org/>

Texas District Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/736753967150486>

CenTex Riders Website: <https://www.CenTexRiders.org>

CenTex Wings Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/207106826116544>

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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST/PV: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

USA _____ Canada _____ Other _____

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$65.00, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00

I currently own the following motorcycle brands: (please select all that apply)

Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Ducati Triumph Other

New Member – Who referred you to us? Name _____ Member # _____

Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.)

Signature _____

Signature _____

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